Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 24 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 24 Mar 2022 at 03:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for often dry, mild, settled conditions to the end of the week, but low for cloud amounts, and amounts of drizzle on Thursday and Friday. Low confidence in timing and extent of rain and snow on Monday, and for how low freezing levels will fall.

Headline for Thursday 24 Mar 2022: Some low cloud in the west, brighter towards the Moray coast. Chilly on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
MIST	FOG				
Mist	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 24 Mar 2022

Weather: Dry with clear spells and some patchy mist or frost in the glens away from the west coast through the early hours. Some patchy light drizzle near the west coast, but mainly dry in the east. Low cloud expected across the south of the area today, but clearer weather expected towards the Great Glen and Moray coast. Ranges north of Assynt may see some breaks in the low cloud sheet at times, but these likely to be unreliable.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20-30%, but 60% in the far north

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly good outside of low cloud, a slight haze in the morning. Cloud spreading west to become extensive above 400-500m soon after dawn, but only occasional patches mainly above 600m across Assynt and the far north. A chance that cloud may briefly lift and break from the west around late afternoon and early evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	29/35 SW	23/27 SW	21/27 SW	18/24 SW	18/23 SW	16/21 SW	14/20 SW
900	28/34 SW	20/24 SW	20/26 SW	18/24 SW	17/22 SW	15/21 SW	15/21 SW
600	20/26 SW	16/20 SW	17/23 SW	15/20 SW	13/18 SW	9/14 SW	9/15 SW
300	4/23 SW	2/17 SW	6/20 SW	7/19 SW	5/16 SW	5/13 SW	6/14 SW
Glen	4/13 SW	5/11 SW	9/16 SW	10/17 SW	7/13 SW	4/9 SW	4/9 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-4	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3
900	3/-3	3/-3	3/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
600	6/0	5/1	6/2	6/2	5/2	5/2	4/1
300	7/6	8/7	9/8	9/8	8/7	7/5	6/4
Glen	9/8	10/9	11/10	12/10	10/9	9/8	8/7
Freezing Level*	1700m	1600m	1600m	1400m	1300m	1300m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling chilly in the wind.

Forecast for Friday 25 Mar 2022
Weather: Mostly cloudy through the early hours. Cloud may thin and break at times in the east through the day, but is likely to persist across western hills, particularly along the west coast. Remaining cloudy in the evening. Mainly dry, perhaps a few spots of light drizzle in the west at times.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 15 mph, gusting 25-30 mph across the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in the west, 60% in the east

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility generally good or very good outside of any low cloud. Large uncertainty in cloud amounts, but bases likely to be often down to 400-500m near the west coast. Cloud likely to be more broken up in the east, bases nearer 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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